

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Candelaria Reardon

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the life of Pastor David J. Allen.

Whereas, David J. Allen was born David Almazan Jr. in 1955 in East Chicago, the oldest of five brothers;

Whereas, Pastor Allen's commitment to outreach and engagement showed itself early in his life, when, at the age of 12, he set up his own radio station, and established himself as a regular call-in guest to local political talk radio programs;

Whereas, Pastor Allen graduated from Washington High School in three years, before going on to Purdue University to major in Communications, Radio, and Newspaper Journalism, as well as Real Estate, also studying Stage and Theatrical Production at St. Joseph's Catholic College in Whiting, Indiana;

Whereas, Pastor Allen began his career with Midland Communications in Chicago, staying with the firm for almost 20 years, as well as serving as a consultant to the Archdiocese



of Chicago, for whom he developed a weekly, bilingual Catholic newspaper, and in 1997 moved on to become a real estate broker in Highland, Indiana;

Whereas, Pastor Allen began his political involvement with the successful campaign of Harold Washington for Mayor of Chicago, later serving as assistant and spokesman to Robert Pastrick during his tenure as the Mayor of East Chicago;

Whereas, Pastor Allen began his pastoral work under the guidance of the late Bishop Frank Munsey, and continued to carry on his mentor's project of "kingdom statesmanship" in countless ways, including working with Benny Hinn Media Ministries, organizing the "Washington for Jesus" march, dedicating himself as a friend and supporter to Israel, and tirelessly dedicating himself to the Family Christian Center of Munster, Indiana; and,

Whereas, One of the central aspects to Pastor Allen's ministry was outreach to Indiana's Spanish-speaking community, to whom he committed himself by raising private donations, supporting local Hispanic businessmen and -women, and helping young Hispanic community leaders grow and develop their talents: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives honors the life of Pastor David J. Allen, commemorates his tireless service to his neighbors, his community and his church, and extends to his family the sincere condolences of its members.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Pastor Allen's family.

